## **ASP 3.0**





# **ACTIVE SERVER PAGES 3.0**

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## **PURPOSE**





- To provide a basic overview of Active Server Pages.
  - What is it?
  - What could you do with it?
- To provide a beginners level of proficiency in the development of ASP applications.
- By the end of this class you should have the basic knowledge to develop an ASP application.

## **ASSUMPTIONS**





- Familiarity with HTML.
- At least a little exposure to a scripting language or programming language like VB, VBScript, Java or JScript.

### WHAT DO WE NEED?





- Obviously, you will need a web server.
  - Internet Information Server (IIS)
  - Personal Web Server (PWS)
- Browser
  - Internet Explorer
  - Netscape
- Editor
  - Notepad or any other text editor
  - Microsoft FrontPage

### CLASS SCHEDULE





- HTML Basics
  - Lab 1: Text Formatting
  - Lab 2: Tables
  - Lab 3: Forms
- Getting Started
  - Lab 4: Your First ASP Code
- ASP Overview
- Programming and Scripting in VBScript
- Processing user input request (Request Object)
  - Lab 5: Using a form to gather user input and displaying results
- Session Object
  - Lab 6: Use of Session Variables
- Responding to the user (Response Object)
  - Lab 7: Responding to the user
- Database Overview
- Introduction to Structured Query Language (SQL)
- Accessing a Database
  - Lab 8: Database Connection
- Advance Topics
- Putting it all together
- Lab 9: Alpha Roster (Final Product)

# HTML





# HTML BASICS





#### What is HTML?

- HTML is a document-layout and hyperlinkspecification language.
- It defines the syntax and placement of special, embedded directions that aren't displayed by the browser, but tell it how to display the contents of the document, including text and images.
- The language also tells you how to make a document interactive through special hypertext links, which connect your document with other documents, on either your computer or someone else's, as well as with other Internet resources.





Basic Structure of an HTML Page





#### Tags

- Marks a portion of the text for special treatment by the browser.
- Every HTML Tag consists of a tag name, sometimes followed by an optional list of tag attributes, all placed between opening and closing brackets (< >).
- Not case sensitive
  - <Head>...</Head>
  - <HEAD>...</HEAD>
  - <HeaD>...<HeaD)</pre>





#### Text Formatting

- Heading Styles <H>...</H>
  - Six levels of heading:
    - <H1> through <H6>.
    - Number signifies the position of the heading hierarchy (smaller is higher in the hierarchy).





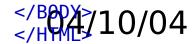
#### Text Formatting

- Paragraph <P>...</P>
  - While your browser will automatically adjust the end of the line to suit the window size of the browser in which it is being displayed, the <P> tag automatically forces a carriage return and forces another line (a new paragraph).
- Can contain child tags, such as text formatting
   CHTML commands and tables.
   CHEAD commands and tables.

```
<TITLE>HTML Document Paragraph Headings</TITLE>
</HEAD>
<BODY>
```

This illustrates the paragraph tag of an HTML document.

```
 paragraph 1 
 paragraph 2 
 paragraph 3
```







#### Text Formatting

- Break <BR>
  - Interrupts the normal line filling and word wrapping of paragraphs.
  - It has no ending tag.
  - Simply marks the point in the flow where a new line should begin.

```
<HTML>
<HEAD>
```

<TITLE>HTML Document Fonts</TITLE>

</HEAD> <BODY>

This illustrates the Font tag of an HTML document.

```
<FONT SIZE = 8>  <b> paragraph 1 in bold font and size 8 </b>  </FONT> <FONT SIZE = 5 >  <i> paragraph 2 in italics font and size 5 </i>
```

After a long sentence you can simply add a break to specify <br/>br> where the next line should begin.

```
</BODY>
```





#### Text Formatting

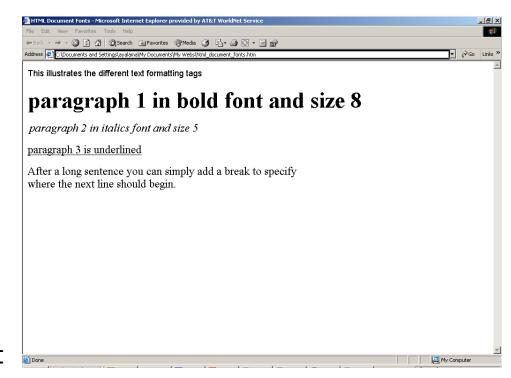
- Font <FONT>...</FONT>
  - Used to modify the display of the characters.
    - Bold <b>...</b>
      - The <b> tag explicitly boldfaces a character or segment of text that is enclosed between it and its corresponding </b> end tag.
    - Italic <i>...</i>
      - The <i> tag renders the enclosed text between it and </i>
         end tag into italic.





#### Text Formatting

- Underline <u>...</u>
  - This tag tells the browser to underline the text contained between the <u> and the corresponding </u> tag. The underlining technique is simplistic, drawing the line under spaces and punctuation as well as the text.
- Font size <SIZE>...</SIZE>
  - Changes the tag text font size to the specified size. It is a number.
  - size=*value*







#### **Tables**

- Tables are a great way for format information meaningfully.
- Can be used to structure the layout of a Web page.
- Provides a structured format for presentation of information using the three basic components to define a simple table:
  - Appearance
  - Rows
  - Columns

### HTML









800 x 600

1024 x 768

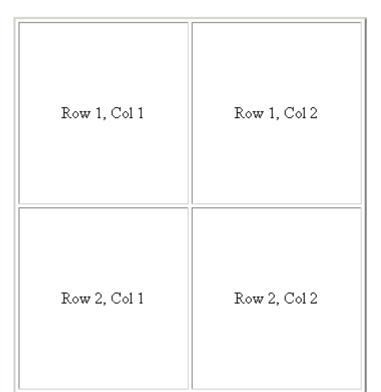
 By using tables to format the layout of information flow, you can avoid Browser resolution.





#### **Tables**

- Table Tag <Table>...</Table>
  - Defines a table







#### **Tables**

- Row <TR>...</TR>
  - Allows the creation of rows in a table.
  - The following attributes may be defined for a Table Row:
    - Row Alignment
    - Vertical Alignment
    - Background Color





#### **Tables**

- Column <TD>...<TD>
  - Allows the creation of columns.
  - Like the row, following attributes may be defined for a Table Column:
    - Column Alignment < HTML> < BODY>
    - Vertical Alignment
    - Background Color

</HTML>

Heading

```
 Row 1, Col 1
```





#### **Tables**

```
<table bgcolor="gray" width="43%" height="70%" border="10"
 cellspacing="15" cellpadding="8" bordercolor="blue" >
   <b> Row1, Col 1 <b> 
      <b> Row 1, Col 2 <b> 
   <b> Row 2, Col 1 <b> 
      <b> Row 2, Col 2 <b> 
  Rowl, Col 1
                Row 1, Col 2
         Row 2, Col 1
                Row 2, Col 2
```

The above code will produce a table like the one on the left.





#### **Tables**

- Column Heading <TH>...</TH>
  - Column headings can be supplied with
     <TH>...</TH> tags appearing within the first row of the table.
  - Centers and bolds the enclosed text over the associated column.





#### **Tables**

```
<TABLE>...</TABLE>
                                                In general, the Table Tag
    ALIGN = "LEFT | CENTER | RIGHT"
    HSPACE = "n"
    VSPACE = "n"
                                                <Table>...</Table>
    BORDER = "n"
    BORDERCOLOR = "color name | #rrggbb"
                                                syntax:
    BORDERCOLORDARK = "color name | #rrqqbb"
    BORDERCOLORLIGHT = "color name | #rrggbb"
    BGCOLOR = "color name | #rrqqbb"
    BACKGROUND = "URL"
                                                           A number
    CELLPADDING = "n"
    CELLSPACING = "n"
    WIDTH = "n | n%" ◀
Number or percent
<TR>...</TR>
    ALIGN = "LEFT | CENTER | RIGHT"
    VALIGN = "TOP | MIDDLE | BOTTOM"
    BGCOLOR = "color name | #rrggbb"
<TD>...</TD>
<TH> </TH>
    ALIGN = "LEFT | CENTER | RIGHT"
    VALIGN = "TOP | MIDDLE | BOTTOM"
    BGCOLOR = "color name | #rrggbb"
    BACKGROUND = "URL"
    COLSPAN = "n"
    ROWSPAN = "n"
    NOWRAP
<CAPTION>...</CAPTION>
```

## LAB 2: TABLES





- In this lab you will create a simple table.
  - Type the following code and save it with an .htm extension:

```
<HTML>
<BODY>
<b>Login:</b>
  <input name="login">
 <b>Password:</b>
  <input type="password" name="password">
 </B0DY>
</HTML>
```





#### Lists

- HTML also contains tags to format bulleted and numbered lists
- Three type of list
  - Unordered
  - Ordered





#### Lists

- Unordered List
  - The <UL> Tag
    - Used to create an unordered list. The list item is identified by the <LI> tag.





#### Lists

- Ordered List
  - The <OL> Tag
    - Used to create an ordered list. The list item is identified by the <LI> tag.
    - The TYPE attribute specify one of the five different numbering characters:

```
"1" for Arabic numerals (the default)
```

Example of ordered list:

```
1.List Item 1
2.List Item 2
```

<sup>&</sup>quot;A" for upper-case letters

<sup>&</sup>quot;a" for lower-case letters

<sup>&</sup>quot;I" for upper-case Roman numerals

<sup>&</sup>quot;i" for lower-case Roman numerals





#### **Forms**

- Forms provide a way for users to interact with Web pages.
- Data capture device.
- The submitted data may be used:
  - to direct visitors to a different page, much like what happens when clicking a link.
  - to present visitors with personalized pages containing information and links pertinent to their interests or preferences.
  - to trigger a complex search process to locate information or services about which the user is interested.
  - to generate automated email responses.





#### **Forms**

 Forms gather information from users by displaying special form fields that permit the user to enter data or make selections.

Standard controls that can be coded on a Web

fo	rm	are:
		<b>U U</b> .

Text Box	
Password:	
Textarea:	A
	T E
Radio Button:	Radio Button
Checkbox:	☑ Checkbox
Selection Menu:	Menu tem 1
Submit Button:	<u>S</u> ubmit Query
Reset Button:	Reset





#### **Forms**

- The <FORM> Tag
  - General format

```
<form name="form name" action="URL" method="GET | POST">
</form>
```

- It has three attributes
  - Name
  - Action
  - Method





#### **Forms**

- Name attribute
  - Assign the name of the form so it can be referenced in a script.
- Action attribute
  - Identifies the page to which the form is submitted.
- Method attribute
  - Specifies the manner in which form information will be submitted. Two possible values:
    - GET: information is submitted appended to the Action URL.
    - POST: information is transmitted as a separate data stream.





#### **Forms**

```
<html>
<head>
       <title>A Form Page</title>
</head>
<body>
       <form name="MyForm" action="AspPage.asp" method="POST">
       </form>
</body>
</html>
```

The name of this form is MyForm. The information gathered by this form will be submitted to AspPage.asp using the method POST.





#### **Forms**

- <INPUT TYPE="TEXT"> Tag
  - The most commonly encountered type of form field.
  - Presents a standard text entry box into which information can be typed.
  - Format:

```
<form>
Last Name: <input type="text" name="LastName">
</form>
```

Last Name





#### **Forms**

- <INPUT TYPE = "PASSWORD"> Tag
  - Similar in function to a text field
  - All the attributes associated with the text field are applicable to the password type.

<form></form>				
Password: 	<input td="" ty<=""/> <td>pe="passwo</td> <td>rd" name="Pass</td> <td>sword"&gt;</td>	pe="passwo	rd" name="Pass	sword">
	Passwo d:	r ******		

The name of the field is Password. It is up to you to assign the name.





#### **Forms**

#### Drop-Down Lists

- Presents items that are chosen from a drop-down list.
- One or more items can be chosen by clicking the entry.





#### **Forms**

- The <INPUT TYPE = "SUBMIT"> Tag
  - All forms must include at least one "submit" button to submit the form information for processing.

Submit Query

```
<form>
...
<input type="submit" name="SubmitButton" value="Submit Query">
...
</form>
```





#### **Forms**

- The <INPUT TYPE = "RESET"> Tag
  - Permit users to clear all information from a form.

<u>R</u>eset

```
<form>
    ...
    <input type="reset" value="Reset">
    ...
</form>
```

#### INTERNET INFORMATION SERVER





## INTERNET INFORMATION SERVER OVERVIEW

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#### **IIS Overview**

- ASP files do not run in your browser like HMTL.
- ASP code is evaluated on the server before you see it in your Web browser.
- You need Internet Information Server (IIS) installed.
  - Version 5.0 comes with Windows 2000.

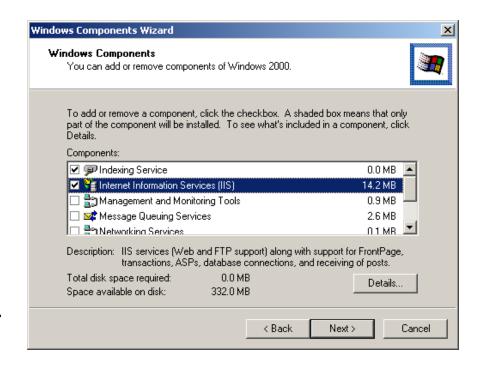




#### **IIS Overview**

#### Installing IIS

- If you are installing IIS
   after completing the
   Windows installation, go
   to Control Panel ⇒
   Add/Remove Programs,
   and pick the Add/Remove
   Windows Components
   button.
- This is performed by your systems administrator.

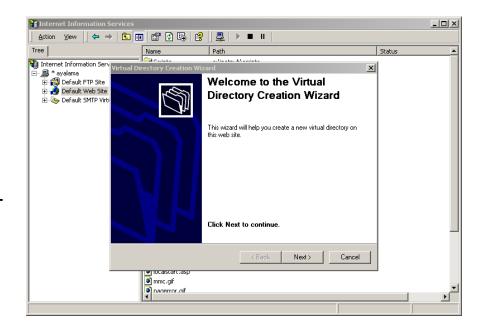






#### Virtual directories

- Creating virtual directories
  - Two ways of creating virtual directories:
    - Using the wizard.
    - Not using the Wizard.
  - Using the Wizard
    - From the IIS Manager, rightclick the Default Web Site and select New ⇒ Virtual Directory from the pop-up menu.

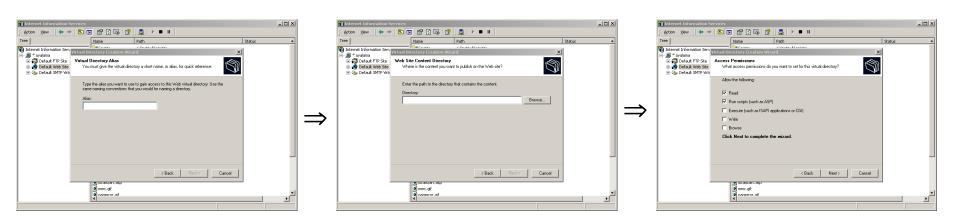






#### Virtual directories

- Follow the next three steps:
  - You need to specify the name or alias you want to use in your Web browser.
  - Specify the physical directory the alias or virtual directory will be pointed at.
  - Set the access permissions.





## **ASP OVERVIEW**

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- ASP is designed to let you create pages that can change each time a user loads them.
- You write code in the page that is run on the Web server before the user sees the page.
- ASP enables server side scripting for IIS with native support for both VBScript and JScript.





#### Composition

- Active Server Pages are text based files comprised of a combination of HTML tags and Active Server scripts.
- ASP Delimiters
  - Active Server scripts are distinguished on the page from HTML tags by using <% and %> delimiters. The delimiter can be embedded within HTML tags.
- Setting the ASP Scripting Language
  - To set the scripting language:
     <%@ LANGUAGE = "VBScript" %>
- Variables, Operators, and Statements
  - Each scripting language has its own specific syntax that is used to define and set variables, use operators for comparing items, and use statements to help define and organize the code.





#### Composition

- Active Server Components and Objects
  - The scripting variables, operators, and statements can be used to tap into special Active Server tools that add programming functionality to the server.
     These tools consist of Active Server Objects components. The most commonly used objects are:
    - Request: responsible for retrieving information from the browser.
    - Response: responsible for sending information to the browser
    - Session: responsible for managing information for a specific user.
    - Server: responsible for administrative functionality of the browser.





#### Composition

```
<SCRIPT Language="VBScript" RUNAT="Server">
                                                                 VBScript which runs on the server
Subroutine
                                                                 as a subroutine called from another
                                                                 script.
</SCRIPT>
<HTML>
                                                                 HTML that is interpreted by the client
<HEAD>
                                                                 when the page is returned from the
 <TITLE>Web Page</TITLE>
                                                                 server.
</HEAD>
<SCRIPT Language="JavaScript">
                                                                 JavaScript in-line routine that runs
                                                                 on the client as the page is loaded.
</SCRIPT>
<BODY>
In-line processing commands
                                                                 VBscript which runs on the server
                                                                 with embedded SQL call to
SQL command
                                                                 database server.
%>
<TABLE>
<TR>
 <TD><%=field%></TD>
                                                                 HTML for client display of embedded
 <TD><%=field%></TD>
                                                                  data values from the server
</TR>
</TABLE>
                                                                  Server-side Include to copy external
<!-- INCLUDE File="file.inc" -->
                                                                  HTML file into page before returning to
                                                                  client.
</BODY>
</HTML>
<SCRIPT Language="JavaScript">
                                                                  JavaScript function that is called
function {
                                                                  by the client after page is formatted
                                                                  by the browser.
 </SCRIPT>
```





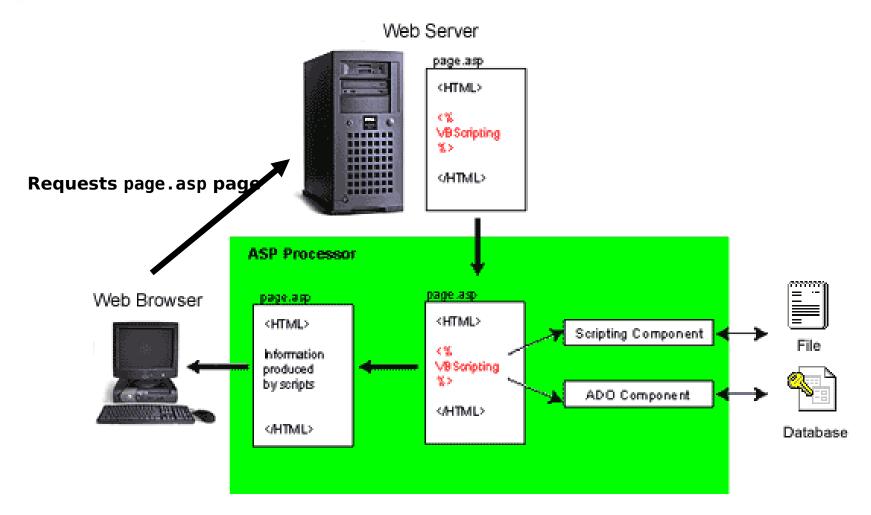
#### **Running ASP Scripts**

- Pages must be saved with the file extension <u>.asp</u> to inform the server that this is a scripted page.
- The page is processed by the ASP processor where the script is run and the information produced by the script is generated.
- The server generates an HTML page with the information generated by the script (to be sent to the browser).
- End result is a page composed entirely of HTML and text information generated by the script.





#### Running ASP Scripts



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## **VBSCRIPT INTRODUCTION**

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- Differences between Visual Basic and VBScript
  - Subset of VB.
  - VBScript does not have a design-time environment like VB.
  - VBScript code "lives" within an HTML document, which is a plain text file. VBScript code works inside of HTML documents and runs along with HTML.
  - Visual Basic code creates Windows applications that operate in and of themselves.
  - Visual Basic supports many commands, keywords, and data types that VBScript does not support.





#### Variables and Data types

#### Data types

- Only one, Variant.
- The duality of a variant: A Variant can contain either numeric or string (text) information.
- It behaves like a number when used as a number or as a string when used in a string context.
- A Variant can contain the following subtypes:
  - Long
  - Single
  - Double
  - Date (Time)
  - String
  - Object
  - Error

- Empty
- Null
- Boolean
  - Byte
  - Integer
  - Currency





#### Variables and Data types

- Variables
  - It is a place holder for information.
  - Variables can be created in two ways: explicit method, implicit method.
  - Explicit Method
    - The explicit method is where you use the Dim keyword to tell VBScript you are about to create a variable. You follow this keyword with the name of the variable.

```
Dim Quantity
Dim X, Y, Z
```

- Implicit Method
  - You do not use the Dim statement.
  - You can just start using the variable in your code, and VBScript creates it automatically.

```
Quantity = 10
```





#### Variables and Data types

- Explicit is highly recommended.
- To make the explicit method a requirement and prevent implicit allocations of names, you must place the command:

```
Option Explicit
```

in the first line of the script.

```
<%
Option Explicit
Dim Quantity
...
%>
```





#### Variables and Data types

Look at the following code:

```
<%
...
Quantity = 2
Quantity = Quantite + 3
...
%>
```

What would be the value of Quantity?

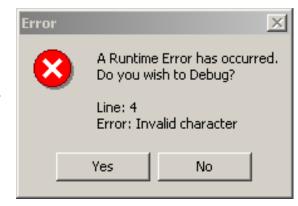




#### Variables and Data types

Same code with the enforced explicit method

```
Option Explicit
Dim Quantity
Quantity = 2
Quantity = Quantite + 3
...
%>
```



Quantity is "misspelled"





#### Constants

- Takes place of a number or string that never changes.
- VBScript has several built-in constants.
- You create user-defined constants using the Const statement.

```
Const MY_STRING = "USMC"
Const USMC BDAY = "10 Nov 1775"
```

- You may want to adopt a naming scheme to differentiate constants from variables.
  - All your constants in capital letters.

Constant

Variable

 $\frac{\text{Const MY STRING} = \text{"USMC"}}{04/10/04}$ 

My\_String = "USMC"





#### Control Structure

- Control Structures allows you to control the script based on some conditions.
- The most commonly used control structures in VBScript are:
  - If...Then...ElseIf: Executes a block of code based on a condition.
  - Select...Case: Executes a block of code based on the value of a variable been compared.





#### **Control Structures**

- If...Then...Else
  - Conditionally executes a group of statements, depending on the value of an expression.
  - Syntax:

```
If 'condition' Then'single line of code to be executed
```

- Example:

```
<%
Dim MyDate
MyDate = #2/13/95#
If MyDate < Date() Then MyDate = Date()
%>
```

Date() is a built in function in VBScript It returns the current date of the system.

MyDate is assigned 13 Feb 1995. Today's date is 21 May 2003. Since MyDate is less than today's date, MyDate will be assigned 21 M@4/2100/304





#### **Control Structures**

- You can have a block of statements by using:

```
If 'condition' Then
   'block of code to be executed'
ElseIf 'condition-n' Then
   'block of code to be executed'
Else
   'block of code to be executed'
End If
```

Adding Elself clauses
 expands the
 functionality, controlling
 the flow of the program
 based on several
 possibilities.





#### **Control Structures**

#### Select Case

- Provides an alternative to If...Then...ElseIf for selectively executing one block of statement.
- Single test expression
   evaluated once at the top of
   the structure. The result of
   the expression is compared
   with the values for each
   Case in the structure.
- If there is a match, the block associated with that Case is executed.

```
<%
Dim Status, MarineStatus
Status = "A"
Select Case Status
   Case "A"
      MarineStatus = "Accounted"
   Case "L"
      MarineStatus = "On Leave"
   Case "T"
      MarineStatus = "TAD"
   Case Else
      MarineStatus = "UA"
End Select
%>
```





#### **Looping Structure**

- Looping allows you to run a group of statements repeatedly.
- The most commonly used looping structures in VBScript are:
  - Do...Loop: Loops while or until a condition is True.
  - While...Wend: Loops while a condition is True.
  - For...Next: Uses a counter to run statements a specified number of times.





#### **Looping Structure**

- Do...Loop
  - To run a block of statements an indefinite number of times.
  - The statements are repeated either while a condition is *True* or until a condition becomes *True*.
  - You can place a conditional test at either the start or end of the loop structure. This provides you with the ability to force a loop to execute at least one.

```
Do While 'condition'
... code within the loop goes here
Loop
```

Do

or

... code within the loop goes here
Loop While 'condition'





#### **Looping Structure**

Do...Loop

```
Po While result < 50
    result = result + 1

Loop
Response.Write "The value of result Do While = " &result %>

The condition is tested before executing the code.

before executing the code.

Yere a code.

**Presult Do While = " &result %>

**Presult Do While = " &result %
**Presult Do While = " &result %
```





#### **Looping Structure**

- While...Wend
  - Identical to the *Do...While* loop structure.
  - Wend takes place of the Loop keyword.
  - The While...Wend executes until the conditional statement following the While becomes True.

```
While 'condition'
'do something
Wend
Example:
```

```
while result < 50
    result = result + 1

Wend
Response.Write "The value of result = " &result

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</pre>
```





#### **Looping Structure**

- For...Next
  - Loop a pre-determined number of times.
  - Uses a loop variable to control the number of loops to be executed.

#### Next

- The default increment step is one, negative steps can be done.

The value of result = 50

The value of result = 25





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#### Processing user input

- Request Object
  - You can think of it as the *input* object.
  - Holds the information sent from the browser to the web server.
  - Responsible to make that information available to the ASP application.
  - How to get data from the user to the server?
    - HTML forms.





#### Processing user input

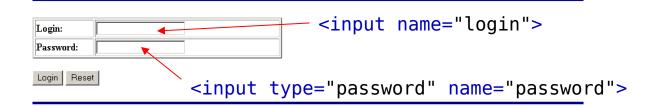
A form is the primary way to obtain information from the user.

```
Page that will
         Form's
                                                    process the data
         name
      <form method= "POST" name="LoginForm" action="check_password.asp">
      Method
POST so
             <b>Login:&nbsp;</b>
Request
                                              Name of the text
             <input name="login">
object will
                                               box. Request
be capable
         object can ask for
of accessing
                                               the information.
         the
information.
             <b>Password:</b>
             <input type="password" name="password">
         <input type="submit" value="Login" name="submit"> <input type="reset"</p>
      value="Reset" name="Reset">
```





#### Processing user input



- Two text boxes to get information.
- To get the information from the form use the Request object.

We are getting the information from the form and assigning it to two local variables.

```
<%
...
password = Request.Form("password")
login = Request.Form("login")
...
%>
```

```
<%
...

password = Request ("password")
login = Request ("login")
...
%>
```





#### Session Object

- Represents the current user's session on the web server.
- It is user specific.
- Its properties and methods allow you to manipulate the information on the server that is specific to that user for the duration of that user's connection.
- The most common use is for session variables.





#### Session Object

- Session variables
  - Declared similar to application variables
  - To declare or reference one, use the Session object and name of the variable.
    - Session (variableName)
  - To add a Session variable, simple assign a value to a session variable name.

```
Session ("Permissions") = "user"
```

To clear a Session variable, set it to a null string ("")
or set it to the VBScript Empty value

```
Session ("Permissions") = ""
Session ("Permissions") = Empty
```





#### Responding to the User

#### Response Object

- If the *Request* object is the *input* object, then the Response object is just the opposite, the output object. The Response object allows you to send information from the Web server to the browser.
- Probably the most important methods of the Response object are the Redirect method, and the Write method.





#### Responding to the User

- Response.Write
  - The Write method is used to send output to the browser.
  - Syntax:

Response.Write *variant* 

 Can contain literal text strings (enclosed in quotes), values retrieved from VBScript functions along with HTML tags (enclosed in quotes as part of a text string) to control output formatting.

```
Response.Write("text string" | & | server value |
   "<HTML tag>")
```

 For example, to display the time a page was requested by using the Write method, we could use the following syntax:

```
<% Response.Write Now %> or <% = Now %>
Same thing
```

4/10/04 8:39:20 PM





#### Responding to the User

To have HTML tags and text:

The current date is 4/10/2004 and the current time is 11:18:19 PM.





#### Responding to the User

 Alternatively, the script can be written as a single line of code:

```
...
Response.Write("<b>The current date is " & Date() &
        " and the current time is " & Time() & ".</b>")
...
%>
```

The current date is 4/10/2004 and the current time is 11:18:19 PM.





#### Responding to the User

- Response.Redirect
  - Tells the browser where to go.

```
Response.Redirect (http://rightpage.htm)
```

Useful when making decisions based on a user's actions.





# INTRODUCTION TO DATABASE





#### Planning a Database

- The purpose of planning a database is to identify:
  - The information you currently track.
  - The information you want or need to track in the future.
  - The reports you need to produce.
- Database Structure
  - You need to design a structure for the database.
  - You need to make sure your database is a Relational Database.
  - Each database file has the following elements:
    - Field: one portion of the data, also known as column.
    - Record: related information, also known as row. A single record is made up by one or more fields.
    - Database Table: made up by one or more records.





#### Planning a Database

Relational Database Tables



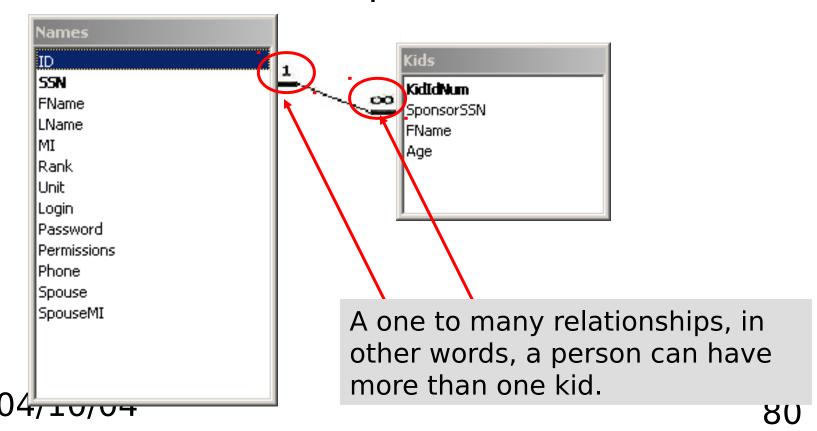






#### Planning a Database

- Relational Database
  - Tables Relationships







#### Fields

#### Planning a Database

Table structure

,								
Field Name	Field Type	Field Size						
ID	AutoNumber	Long Integer						
SSN	Number	Long Integer						
FName	Text	15						
LName	Text	15						
MI	Text	2						
Rank	Text	10						
Unit	Text	50						
Login	Text	15						
Password	Text	15						
Permissions	Text	10						
Phone	Text	15						
Spouse	Text	15						

- Fields are the data holders.
- The record shown has 12 fields.

Fields
One Record

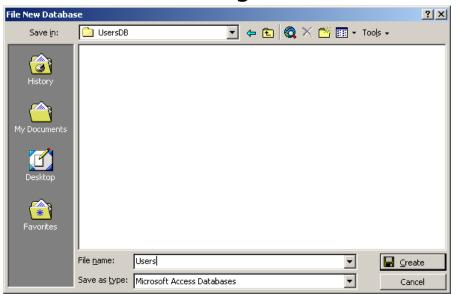
ID	SSN	FName	LName	MI	Rank	Unit	Login	Password	Permissions	Phone	Spouse
1	123456789	Miguel	Ayala	Α	Capt	MSTP	ayalama	ayalama	admin	7037846001	Daisy

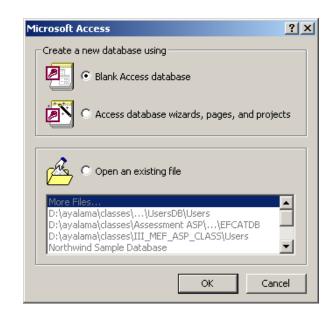




#### Building a Database with Microsoft Access

- Creating a Database
  - When you open Microsoft
     Access you will see the
     dialog box at the right.
     Click the "Blank Database"
     button to indicate that you
     are creating a new





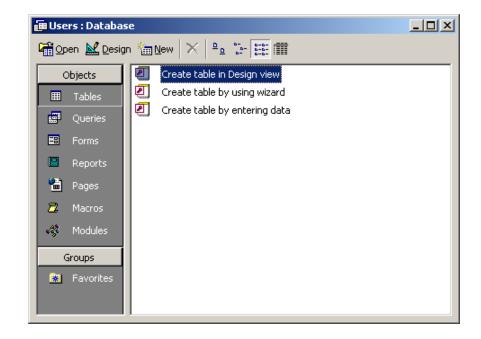
When the "File New Database" dialog box appears, name it with your Users mdb and save it in your directory on the server by clicking the "Create" button.





#### Building a Database with Microsoft Access

- Creating a Table
  - You are presented with a set of options for creating or selecting tables and other components of your database. You can create your table using the Wizard, in Design View or by entering data into generic fields. We will do it in Design View. Click the *Design* button.

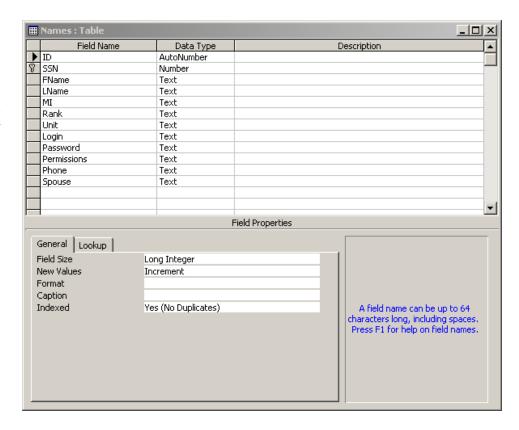






#### Building a Database with Microsoft Access

- Field Specifications
  - Assign a Field Name (cannot include blank spaces).
  - Select the Data Type of the field (Text, Memo, etc.).
  - Specify the Field Size characters.
- Assign it a name and save the database.







#### Building a Database with Microsoft Access

- Adding Information into the Database
  - Open the table by double-clicking it.
  - The datasheet view presents the columns and rows of the table where you can enter your data.
  - Type the information in the columns and tab to the next one.
  - When you are finished, you would have created one new record.



# INTRODUCTION TO STRUCTURED QUERY LANGUAGE (SQL)





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# STRUCTURED QUERY LANGUAGE (SQL)





#### Structured Query Language (SQL)

- Easy and faster way to extract information from a database table.
- You are relying on the Database Management System (DBMS) to perform the work rather than coding a server script to access tables.
- The script simply issues a request to the DBMS, which independently carries out the task.
- Faster and more reliable.





#### **SQL Statements**

- The SELECT Statement
  - This statement is used to select records from a database table.
  - The selection can encompass the entire table with all of its fields, or it can be restricted to certain fields in certain records matching a given criteria.
  - The group of selected records itself becomes a recordset that can be processed in the same fashion as used for an entire table.

```
SELECT * | field1[,field2]...
FROM TableName
WHERE condition
ORDER BY field1 [ASC/DESC] [, field2 [ASC/DESC] ]
```





#### **SQL Statements**

- The keyword SELECT is followed by one of two specifications identifying the fields of data to be selected from a table.
  - An asterisk (\*) denotes that all fields are to be selected for each record.
  - You can provide a list of field names, separated by commas, and only those data fields will be selected.
- The FROM clause identifies the table from which these records and fields are to be selected.

SELECT \* FROM MyTable

Selects all records from MyTable and includes all (\*) of the fields that make up a record.

SELECT LastName, FirstName FROM MyTable

Selects all records and fields from MyTable, but only provides the specified fields.





#### **SQL Statements**

- The WHERE Clause
  - Used when you do not want or need to retrieve all the records in a table but just those who match certain condition.
  - The keyword WHERE is followed by one or more selection criteria. A common way of using this feature is to check for equality, that is, to look for a matching value in one of the record's fields.

SELECT \* FROM Marines WHERE Base='Quantico'

 The DBMS would deliver those records that had a matching criteria (Marines from Quantico).





#### **SQL Statements**

- Common conditional operators:
  - = (equal to)
  - <> (not equal to)
  - < (less than)
  - > (greater than)
  - <= (less than or equal to)
  - => (equal to or greater than)
- You can combine tests using logical operators like AND, OR, and NOT to expand or contract your selection.

SELECT \* FROM Marines WHERE base='Quantico' OR base='Camp Lejeune'





#### **SQL Statements**

- The ORDER BY Clause
  - Use to arrange, or sort, the set of records retrieved from the table.
  - Identifies the names of fields on which to sort the records.
  - If more than one field name is supplied, then sorting takes place in the order in which the names appear, separated by commas. The first field becomes the *major* sort field, the second field becomes the *intermediate* sort field, and the third field becomes the *minor* sort field.

SELECT \* FROM Marines
ORDER By LastName,FirstName,MiddleInitial



# **MORE ASP**

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#### Accessing a Database

- The Connection Object
  - Before you can retrieve any data from a database, you have to create a connection to that database.
  - The Connection Object contains the properties and methods necessary to make a link between a Web page and a database.
  - The method for creating a Connection Object is to use the VBScript **Set** statement, calling upon the Server Object to create a Connection Object for our script.

Set ConnectionObject=Server.CreateObject("ADODB.Connection")





#### Accessing a Database

- ActiveX Data Objects (ADO) Constants
  - The ADO are a set of objects that you can use to access databases. Each constant represents a numeric value
  - For example, in the *adovbs.inc* you will find the four constants for the recordset type defined as follows:

```
Const adOpenForwardOnly = 0
Const adOpenKeySet = 1
Const adOpenDynamic = 2
Const adOpenStatic = 3
```

- You can use the #include directive to read another page in and make it part of the current page.
- In order to have those constants available to your page, you have to include the file *adovbs.inc*.

```
<!--#include file="adovbs.inc"-->
```





#### Accessing a Database

- Creating an Open Database Connectivity (ODBC) connection.
  - Allows programs to access different kinds of databases in almost the exact way.
  - The method for creating a Connection Object is to use the VBScript Set statement and calling upon the Server Object to create a Connection Object for our script.

```
Name of the connection object

(you name it)

Dim ConnectionObjectName

Set ConnectionObjectName =
    Server.CreateObject("ADODB.Connection")

""
%>
```





#### Accessing a Database

ODBC Data Source Name (DSN)-less Connection

```
<%
Dim dsn
Dim Conn
Set Conn = Server.CreateObject("ADODB.Connection")
dsn="DBQ=" & Server.MapPath("UsersDb/Users.mdb") &
  ";Driver={Microsoft Access Driver (*.mdb)};"
        To avoid writing absolute path use
                                      The database file is
```

To avoid writing absolute path use the Server.MapPath method. This will accept a relative or virtual path and returns a physical path. Good when you do not have control of the server.

The database file is located under that folder in the same directory as the application.





#### Accessing a Database

- Connecting to a Database
  - Once you have a *Connection* object already created, you are ready to connect to the database.

```
<%
...
ConnectionObjectName.Open dsn
...
%>
```





#### Accessing a Database

- The Recordset Object
  - The ASP Recordset Object contains the properties and methods necessary to extract data from a database table and to make that set of records available to a script.
  - The general format for creating a Recordset Object is similar to the method used to create a Connection Object:

```
Name of the recordset object
(you name it)

Dim RecordsetObjectName
Set RecordsetObjectName =
Server.CreateObject("ADODB.Recordset")
...
%>
```





#### Accessing a Database

- The Beginning of File (BOF) Object
  - If the value of the BOF property of a Recordset object is True, the current record pointer is positioned one record before the first record in the recordset.
  - This is a read-only property.
  - You can use the BOF property in conjunction with the End of File (EOF) property to ensure that your recordset contains records and that you have not navigated beyond the boundaries of the recordset.

<%

We named our Recordset Object rs

If Not rs.BOF Then

- ' There are records. Use the EOF property to loop
- ' through all the records in the recordset and
- ' display them to the screen.

%>





#### Accessing a Database

- The End of File (EOF) Object
  - If the value of a Recordset object's EOF property is True, the current record pointer is positioned one record after the last record in the recordset.
  - This is a read-only property.
  - Note that the value of EOF is also True if there are no records in the recordset.

```
<%
 Do While Not rs.EOF
%>
<%=rs("Rank")%> 
 <%=rs("FName")%> 
 <%=rs("MI")%> 
 <%=rs("LName")%> 
 <%=rs("Unit")%> 
 <%=rs("Phone")%> 
<%
 rs.MoveNext
 Loop
```





#### Accessing a Database

- Opening a Table
  - Once a Recordset Object is created, its built-in Open method is available to extract information from a database table and make it available to our script for processing.
  - The general format for extracting <u>ALL</u> the information from a table is to open the entire table.

<%

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RecordsetObject.Open "TableName", ConnectionObject

..

TableName is the name of a database to

Connection object is the name of an existing connection to the database containing the table.





#### Accessing a Database

```
<%
Set Conn = Server.CreateObject("ADODB.Connection")
Set rs = Server.CreateObject("ADODB.Recordset")
dsn="DBQ=" & Server.MapPath("UsersDb/Users.mdb") &
  ";Driver={Microsoft Access Driver (*.mdb)};"
Conn.Open dsn
rs.Open "Names", Conn
```

With this statement in place, our script has extracted the entire Names table from the Users.mdb database and made it available for processing by the script.

%>





#### Accessing a Database

#### Selecting Records

- When the Names table is opened, the entire data can be loaded using the *Recordset* object.
- As in the Request.Form or Request.QueryString Collection, the data values contained in the recordset can be referenced through the notation rs ("FieldName"), where the FieldName is taken from the field names assigned when the table was created in Access.
- For instance, under FName and the LName fields in the Names' table you could be referenced them as rs ("FName") and rs ("LName"). We named the recordset object <=rs ("LName")%> rs.





#### Accessing a Database

```
<%=rs("Rank")%> 
<%=rs("FName")%> 

<%=rs("MI")%> 

<%=rs("LName")%> 

<%=rs("Unit")%> 

<%=rs("Phone")%>
```

Rank	First Name	МІ	<u>Last Name</u>	<u>Unit</u>	Phone
Capt	Miguel	A	<u>Ayala</u>	MSTP	7037846001

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#### Accessing a Database

- Iterating thorough a Recordset
  - Databases have hundred, thousands of records.
  - We need to examine each record until we find a match or reach the End of File (EOF).
  - We can set up a program loop that advances the recordset cursor from one record to the next, looking for the matching criteria.
  - The loop will continue until we run out of records to check (the EOF property is true).
  - A solution: the Do While...Loop
    - It continues the loop until the Recordset object's EOF property is true.
    - We advance to the next record using the *MoveNext* method of the Recordset object.
      - rs.MoveNext





#### Accessing a Database

Taking our previous script and modifying it:

```
Do While Not rs.EOF Loop 3 times and gets the EOF. At tha time it gets out of the loop.

<%=rs("Rank")%> 

<%=rs("FName")%> 

<%=rs("MI")%> 

<%=rs("LName")%> 

<%=rs("Unit")%> 

<%=rs("Phone")%>
```





Loop

rs.MoveNext

	■ Names : Table											_OX	
		II	D	SSN	FName	LName	MI	Rank	Unit	Login	Password	Permissions	Phone
	<b>•</b>	E :	210	456-78-9123	Michael	Burke	J	LtCol	MSTP	burkemj	burkemj	admin	(703) 784-4972
	•	1	212	987-65-4321	Sean	Sadlier	M	Capt	MSTP	sadliersm	sadliersm	user	(703) 784-4315
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#### Accessing a Database

- Checking for Matching Records
  - Done inside the Do...While loop.
  - Two ways to check for matching values:
    - Using If statements.
    - Using SQL statements.
  - For the login application, for example, we need to compare rs("login") with Request ("login") and rs("Password") with Request ("Password") for each record in the recordset, looking for matching values. If both matches are made, then we have found a valid login and password.





#### Accessing a Database

```
Conn.Open dsn
rs.Open "Names", Conn
```

. . . . .

%>

The looping structure checks for a record in the database where the field login matches the variable Login obtained from the user through a form. In the same statement the same process is done for the password. Notice that **BOTH** criteria need to be





#### Accessing a Database

- Using SQL statement
  - Instead of looping through all the records in the database, we will let the SQL do the job for us.
  - You have to create a SQL statement to select the record that matches the Password and Login values respectively.
  - The general format is:

SELECT \* FROM Names WHERE Login='the form Account value' AND Password='the form Password value'

 We want to SELECT all (\*) fields (the Login field and the Password field) from the record in the Names table WHERE the value in the Login field of the table matches the Login value entered on the form, and the value in the Password field of the table matches the Password value entered on the form.

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#### Accessing a Database

- From the coding standpoint, we need to insert references inside the single quotes to the corresponding form values.
- In the case of our Login page:

```
"SELECT * FROM Names WHERE Login='

Request ("Login") Information coming from the Request ("Password") Form.
```

Putting it all together:

```
"SELECT * FROM Names WHERE Login='"& Request ("Login")& "' AND Password='"& Request ("Password") &"'"
```

We could assign it to a variable:

```
srtSQL = "SELECT * FROM Names WHERE Login='"& Request ("Login")&"' AND Password='"& Request ("Password") &"'" 04/10/04
```



%>



#### Accessing a Database

```
Set Conn = Server.CreateObject("ADODB.Connection")
Set rs = Server.CreateObject("ADODB.Recordset")
dsn="DBQ=" & Server.MapPath("UsersDb/Users.mdb") & ";Driver={Microsoft Access Driver (*.mdb)};"
Conn.Open dsn
strSQL = "SELECT * FROM Names WHERE Password = '" & Request("password") & "' and Login = '" &
Request("login") & "'"
rs.Open strSQL, Conn
If RS.EOF = true Then
          Conn.Close 'closes the database connection
          set rs = Nothing 'sets the recordset equal to nothing
          set Conn= Nothing 'sets the connection object equal to nothing
          response.redirect "Login.asp"
End If
```





#### Accessing a Database

- Closing Connections and Recordsets
  - Both Connection objects and Recordset objects have formal Close methods that can be applied when you are finished with either.
  - Standard programming practice normally dictates the you close open items when you are done with them.
  - Under ASP, however, this is not necessary. ASP automatically closes any open connections and recordsets when it finishes processing a page.

<%

•••

Conn.Close 'closes the database connection
set rs = Nothing 'sets the recordset equal to nothing
set Conn= Nothing 'sets the connection object equal to
 nothing

•••





#### **Updating a Database**

- Before you can make changes to a Recordset, you must make sure you do two things first:
  - 1. Open the *Recordset* object with the *adOpenStatic* or *adOpenDynamic* cursor used in the second argument of the *Recordset* object's *Open* method.
  - 2. Use adLockOptimistic for the lock type in the third argument of the Recordset object's Open method.

rs.Open strSQL, Conn,adOpenDynamic,adLockOptimistic,adCmdText

 After the above steps, you will be ready to edit the Recordset.

rs.Update





#### **Updating a Database**

- Adding records
  - The AddNew method. This method adds a new, blank record to the database.
  - Set the fields by assigning your data to the respective fields of the Recordset.
  - Execute the Recordset. Update method to commit all changes to the record.

```
rs.AddNew

rs("SSN")=Request("SSN")
rs("FName") = Request("FName")
rs("MI") = Request("MI")
rs("LName") = Request("LName")
rs("Rank") = Request("Rank")
rs("Unit") = Request("Unit")
rs("login") = Request("login")
rs("Password") = Request("Password")
rs("Permissions") = Request("Permissions")
rs("Phone") = Request("Phone")
```





#### **Updating a Database**

#### Updating records

- First, you need to position the current pointer to the record that you wish to update. Use a proper SQL statement to achieve this (just like selecting a record for viewing).
- Modify the record by assigning the new values to the fields that need changes only.
- Finally, execute the *Update* method statement to write the changes back to the database.

rs.Update





#### **Updating a Database**

```
IDNum = Request("IDNum")
strSQL = "SELECT * FROM Names WHERE ID=" & IDNum
rs.Open strSQL, Conn, adOpenDynamic, adLockOptimistic
rs("SSN") = Request("SSN")
rs("FName") = Request("FName")
                                           The SQL statement is
rs("MI") = Request("MI")
                                            selecting a record in
                                            which the ID number from
rs("LName") = Request("LName")
                                            the database matches the
                                           ID passed from the form.
rs("Rank") = Request("Rank")
                                           After selecting the record,
rs("Unit") = Request("Unit")
                                            the changes are made to
                                           the selected record.
rs("Phone") = Request("Phone")
rs.Update
```

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#### **Updating a Database**

- Deleting Records
  - There are two easy ways to delete a record.
    - Using the Recordset .Delete method
    - The *DELETE* statement in SQL.
  - I will be discussing the *Recordset.Delete* method to be consistent using the *Recordset* object.
  - Like in the update part, you need to position the current pointer to the record that you wish to update.
     Use a proper SQL statement as well.
  - Delete the record by using the *Recordset.Delete*IDNUM\*\*

    IDNUM\*\*

    IDNU

```
strSQL = "SELECT * FROM Names WHERE ID=" & IDNum
rs.Open strSQL, Conn, adOpenDynamic, adLockOptimistic
rs.Delete
```





- How do I start developing my application?
- Object Oriented Programming
- Code Reuse





#### How do I start developing my application?

- Analyze the problem
- What are the user needs?
- Who are the stakeholders?
- What are the requirements?
- Brainstorming
  - What information do I need?
  - Where is the information coming from?
  - What is the information flow?
- Storyboard







How do I start developing my application?

- Analyze the problem
  - Problem definition
    - My understanding of the problem might not be the same as yours.
  - Who are the users?
  - Who will be affected by the application?
  - Who will be maintaining the application?
  - Documentation 04/10/04





How do I start developing my application?

- Analyze the problem (cont)
  - Define the solution System Boundary
    - The system
    - Things that interact with the system
      - Where does it get the information?
      - What other external systems will interact with it?
      - Who will supply, use, or retrieve information from it?
  - Identify any constraints imposed in the solution
    - Operating System
    - Hardware





How do I start developing my application?

- What do they really want?
  - They do not even know what they want in most cases.
  - What are the requirements of the system?
    - Inputs
    - Outputs
    - Users
    - Maintenance
  - Where is the information coming from?
  - What is the information flow? 04/10/04





How do I start developing my application?

# Brainstorming

- Start generating ideas on possible solutions.
- Approach the problem from different angles to create more possible solutions
- Once you have different COAs, analyze them and bring the best one out.





How do I start developing my application?

# Storyboard

- Provides an opportunity for user's reaction before efforts and time are committed to coding.
- You walk the user through the processes of your solution.
  - Who the players are
  - What happen to them
  - How it happens





#### Storyboard example

The user will be prompted for user name and password



Reports Help

Reservations Customers Reports Help

Query Login Reservations Prayments Modify Reports

Query based on Customer Itenerary

Depart Location:

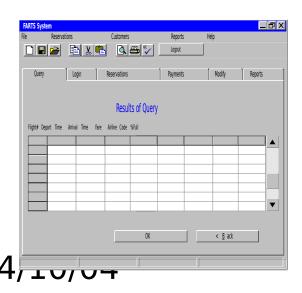
Arrival Location:

Depart Date:

Departure Time:

Once logged in the user can query for a flight

Results of the query are displayed





A booking for a flight session can be started





#### **Object Oriented Programming**

- Object Oriented Programming
  - Provides encapsulation
    - Functionality is enclosed to such a degree that you are able to extract and use that functionality in a physically different environment
    - Separates implementation from interface
  - Modularity approach
    - Easy to build and test
    - Can be easily reuse





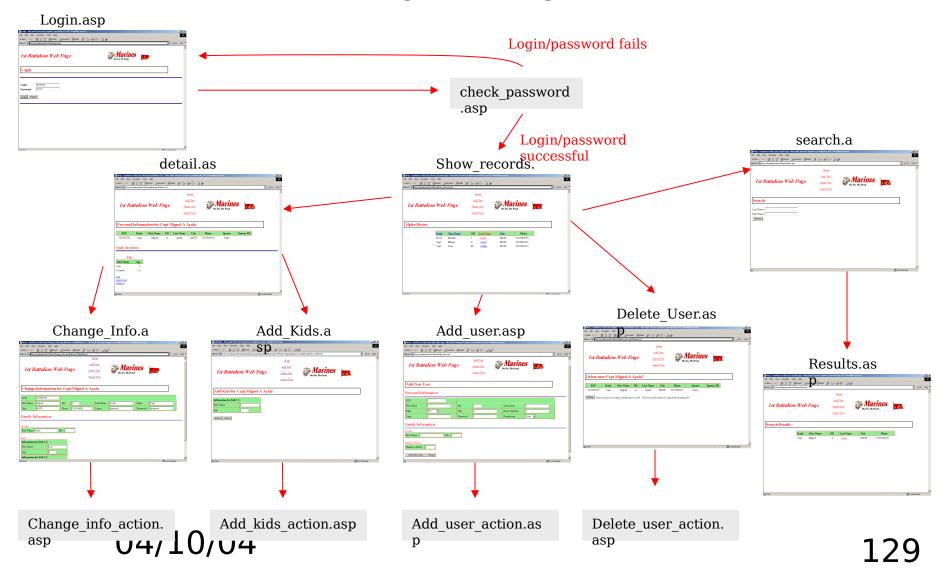
#### Code Reuse

- Code Reuse
  - Saves on coding time
    - One of the most efficient ways of reducing development time and effort.
  - Less testing required
  - What makes reuse so important?
    - Encapsulation
    - Generic functionality





#### Putting it all together



#### LAB 9: ALPHA ROSTER





#### Final Product

- Create an alpha roster web application with the following functionalities:
  - Login Page: Ask the user for a logon id and a password. The
    page must be able to process the information either on its own
    or pass it to another .asp file to process the information. That
    pair needs to be check against information in a database. The
    end product is to be able to check the logon id and password
    provided by the user against a database.
  - **Database Connectivity**: The application must be able to have connectivity with a database where all the information about the users reside.
  - **Show Records**: Display the appropriate information to the user, retrieving it from the database.
  - **Update Records**: The application must be able to update existing information from the database.

#### LAB 9: ALPHA ROSTER





#### Final Product (cont.)

- Add Records: The application must provide the functionality of adding new users to the database, collecting at least the following information:
  - 1. SSN
  - 2. Rank
  - 3. First Name
  - 4. MI
  - 5. Last Name
  - 6. Unit
  - 7. Phone Number
  - 8. Spouse Name
  - 9. Kids Name
  - 10. Kids Age
  - 11. Permission for the database (User or Admin)
  - 12. Password
  - 13. Logon Id
- This functionality must be granted to an administrator 04/10/04

# LAB 9: ALPHA ROSTER





#### Final Product (cont.)

 Delete Records: The application must provide the functionality of deleting users. This functionality must be granted to an administrator.





- During this class we discussed:
  - HTML Basics
    - Tags
      - Heading
      - Paragraph
      - Text formatting
    - Lists
      - Unordered
      - Ordered
    - Tables
      - Rows
      - Columns
    - Forms
  - IIS installation





- Programming and Scripting in VBScript
  - Data type
    - Variant
  - Variables
  - Constants
  - Control Structures
    - If...Then...Else
    - Select Case
  - Looping Structures
    - Do...Loop
    - While...Wend
    - For...Next





- ASP
  - Processing user input request (Request Object)
  - Session Object
  - Responding to the user (Response Object)
  - Accessing a Database
- Database Overview
  - Fields
  - Records
  - Tables
  - Building a Database with MS Access





- Introduction to Structured Query Language (SQL)
  - Select statement
  - The Where clause
  - Order By clause
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  - How do I start developing my application?
    - Analyze the problem
    - What are the user needs?
    - Who are the stakeholders?
    - What are the requirements?
    - Brainstorming
    - Storyboard
  - Object Oriented Programming
  - Code Reuse

# **QUESTIONS**







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